Mr. Mathew had been to me, Sir, a personal friend who has been inspiring me on very many occasions. As a personal friend I feel the loss too severe. Just after the last meeting when I was leaving the State for a short while, I made a visit to my friend in his sick bed. Although he was not well then, he was not in any way so bad as to make one apprehend this sudden and sad event which took place while I was away in North India. It was therefore a shock to me, Sir, to be told on my return that my friend had passed away.

As a politician, I may say, Sir, the departed had been in the very first front rank. He was a very great parliamentarian as will be seen from the proceedings that are on the Secretary's table. In the social field as I have already stated my departed friend had varied activities of his. His Parliamentary career in this House to a very great extent has been responsible for earning for the Cochin Legislative Council the high place that it has amongst the Legislative Assemblies of India as often remarked by persons competent to make a pronouncement on such matters.

He did not stand for election for the fifth Council the predecessor of the present for which he had announced his candidature. But a stroke of paralysis disabled the departed from filing the nomination paper. If he had not been so stricken we would have witnessed to-day a more virile and popular ministry run by him. But providence willed otherwise.

It is the loss of such a gentleman, a parliamentarian and a social worker, that we be moon to-day. Our last duty to him is only to pray that his soul may rest in peace.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Sir, I associate myself with all the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers. I had the privilege to know Mr. Mathew long as a friend and a colleague in the Council, and as a colleague in a Party which parted ways with the veteran Progressives referred to by my friend Mr. Ezhuthassan, Mr. Mathew was a very usful, conscientious and energetic and industrious member of the Council and a public worker.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, I endorse all the kind sentiments that have been expressed by the previous speakers in this behalf. Mr. Mathew was a keen debator and a fearless critic, and several of us who were with him in this House remember very clearly the active and energetic part which he took in several of the controversial measures that came before the House during those days. In the midst of his official duties, personal and public, he also found time to devote considerable attention to the development of that small institution for the deaf and the dumb. His was a life of great use to the public. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. K. Kochukuttan *(Nominated):* Sir, I also support this resolution and associate with all the sentiments that have been expressed by the other Hon'ble Members. May his soul rest in peace?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കെ. കണ്ണൻ : സർ, ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി പൊതുസേവനം നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള മഹാന്മാരുടെ അകാലമരണം രാജ്യത്തിനു വലിയൊരു നഷ്ടംതന്നെയാണു്. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവരിൽ ഒരു പ്രഥമസ്ഥാനം മിസ്റ്റർ മാത്യുവിനുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതിനു സംശയമില്ല. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അകാലമായ വിയോഗത്തിൽ മറ്റുള്ളവരോടൊപ്പം ഞാനും വ്യസനം രേഖപ്പെടുത്തിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. President: Before putting this motion to the vote of the House, I should like to add a few words. Although I dit not know Mr. Mathew as a Member of this House. I met him on more than one occasion in connection with his schools for the blind and the deaf and dumb, and I saw enough of him to know the loss the State has suffered in his death. I would like to associate myself with the sentiments expressed about him.

Motion put and carried

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* I request that this resolution may be communicated to the bereaved family

Motion put and carried

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS—*(coni.)*

44. "30—A—Civil Engineering—Communication original"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 12,500 under "30-A-Civil Engineering-communication Original". This expenditure

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is for reconstructing a damaged culvert on the Erumapetti Road. There is no provision for the work in the current year's Budget and it is not safe to postpone the work to next year. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demand put and carried

45. "30—A—Civil Engineering—Communication original"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 6,750 under "30-A-Civil Engineering-Communication Original". During this year the Perumpuzha bridge on the Trichur Kandassankadavu road collapsed and since there is much traffic on this road, the gap had to be filled up temporarily and a wodden bridge had to be put up to restore the traffic at a cost of Rs. 6,750. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demand put and carried

46. "30—A—Civil Engineering—Irrigation Repairs"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 4,500 under "30-A-Civil Engineering—Irrigation—Repairs". This amount is required for repairs to the Manjankuzhi-chira which has been washed away during floods. To prevent further wash off of the bunds it is necessary to protect the sides with granite packing. I request the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demand put and carried

47. "30—A—Public Works—Communication—Original—Works—Rremoval of earth-Mala—Adoor Road" by transfer from "B.1. 7/21"—by the Chief Engineer.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Sir, I beg to move for a token grant of Re. 1 under "30-A-Public Works-Communication-Original-works-Removal of earth-Mala-Adoor Road". The actual expenditure for this work which consists of removing earth and silting of a canal in the Mala-Adoor Road, will come to Rs. 2,873. This amount is proposed to be transferred from budget item 7/21. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can I know Sir, why the Hon'ble Member intends to transfer this amount from the budget item 7/21?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: There was provision for that work during this year in the budget but the entire work was completed and paid for in 1120 and so there is no necessity for spending that money on that work. So it is proposed to transfer this amount from that head.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: If the work, Sir, was completed and paid for in 1120 itself may I know how that budget head happened to come into the budget book?

Mr. President: The work was completed earlier than was anticipated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: All glory to the Hon'ble Member!

Demand put and carried

48. "30—A—Public Works—Civil Engineering—Communication Original—works of Reconstruction of Culverts on the approach road to Puducad Railway Station" by transfer from the provision under "30—A—Communications Original—B.1. 7/21"—by the Chief Engineer.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Sir, I beg to move for a token grant of Re. under "30-A-Public Works—Civil Engineering—Communication Original-works of reconstruction of Culverts on the approach road to Pudukad Railway Station". The amount required for this work will be about Rs. 1,500 and this is proposed to be transferred from the same budget item 7/21. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the amount.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can I get an assurance, Sir, from the Hon'ble Member that hereafter at least such unnecessaay provisions will not find a place in the Budget Book?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It is not possible to say that because the revised budget is prepared during the months of Meenam and Medam. At that time it may

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